GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Water Resources Department – Vigilance and Enforcement Report – Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Dredging Pedalanka Major Drain from km (-) 5.500 to Km (+) 4.500" under Modernization Krishna Delta System – Disciplinary proceedings against certain Engineers of Water Resources Department under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer appointed – Change of Inquiring Authority and appointment of Sri V.Veerraju, Chief Engineer(Projects) I/C, Ongole as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri M.Venkateswara Rao ENC(PIP) – Orders - Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (Vig.II-V&E.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.743 Dated:07.12.2016

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.1180, I& CAD(Ser.X-2)Dept.,dated:26.10.2012.
2. From the ENC, ISPP, Dowlaiswaram Lr.No. Rc.ENC/ ISPP/ Sn.D/D.1/ 640/ 2012, dated: 29.11.2012
3. Govt.Memo.No 9851/Ser.X.2/2012-10, dated: 22.12.2012.
4. Govt.Memo.No 9851/Ser.X.2/2012-16, dated: 05.01.2014.
5. From the ENC, ISPP, Dowlaiswaram Lr.No. Rc.ENC/ ISPP/ Sn.D/D.1/ 640/ 2013, dated: 09.01.2014.(Addressed to ENC(AW), under copy marked to Govt.)
6. From the Director General (Vig.&Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., G.A.D. Vigilance Report no.35 (C.No.408/ V&E/E1/2012) dated 08.12.2014.
7. G.O.Rt.Nos.127-131,Water Resources(Vig.II(V&E-2)Dept., dated: 12.02.2016.
8. From Sri L.Chakradharam, EE, WSD, Dated:04.06.2016.
9. From Sri Abdul Azeem, AE(Retd), WSD, Dated:Nil.
10. From Sri S. Uma Sankar, AEE, WSD, Dated:19.05.2016.
11. From S. Ramakrishna Rao, AEE, WSD, Dated:Nil.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Indira Sagar Polavaram Project, Dowlaiswaram was appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against (1) Sri L. Chakradharam, the then Executive Engineer, (2) Sri Abdul Azeem, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, (3) Sri S. Umashankar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer and (4) Sri S.Ramakrishna Rao, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Drainage Division, Gudivada, Krishna district for the irregularities in the works of drain dredging in Pedalanka major drain at KM

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5.500 to KM +4.50 in Kruthivennu and Kaikaluru Modernisation of Krishna District, based on the Senior Technical Team report.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, ISPP, Dowlaiswaram has informed that he was busy with other works and requested/suggested to appoint Enquiry Officer in the cadre of Superintending Engineer, as the charged officers of Executive Engineer and below cadre engineers.

3. After careful examination of the matter, it was decided to continue the Engineer-in-Chief, ISPP, Dowlaiswaram as Inquiring Authority in this case and accordingly, he was directed to continue and complete the enquiry as ordered in the G.O. first cited and submit his report to the Government within the stipulated time, in the reference 3rd read above.

4. In the reference 4th read above, Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Vijayawada has been appointed as Presenting Officer to approach the Inquiring Authority with original records pertaining to the case along with present addresses of the charged officers, so as to enable the Inquiring Authority to commence enquiry and also requested to acquaint the case himself thoroughly and present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority before the Inquiring Authority.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the inquiring authority has informed that inquiry was conducted on 11.02.2013, 28.05.2013, 15.07.2013. During the course inquiry the charged officers wanted to cross examine the Senior Technical Team Members. Accordingly, Senior Technical Team Members were addressed to attend inquiry for cross examination. But no response is received from Senior Technical Team Members till date and the ENC(Irrigation) was requested to instruct the Senior Technical Team Members to attend for cross examination by the charged officers in next inquiry without fail.

6. While the disciplinary proceedings have been continuing based on the report of the above said Senior Technical Team, the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have furnished Vigilance Report on the allegations of irregularities in Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Dredging Pedalanka Major Drain from km (-) 5.500 to Km (+) 4.500" under Modernization Krishna Delta System in the reference 6th read above.

7. In the reference 7th read above, additional article of charges were issued to the above said four charged officers for the allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Dredging Pedalanka Major Drain from km (-) 5.500 to Km (+) 4.500" under Modernization Krishna Delta System duly consulting the Advisory Authorities.

8. In the references 8th to 11th read above, all the above charged officers have submitted their written statements of

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defence and among other things they have pointed out the delay. Therefore the issue has been examined carefully and felt that since the report is awaited from 2012 and Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District. i.e. the I.A. now looking after the duties of Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation) and also Member in number of committees, it is appropriate to change Inquiring Authority along with the additional charge now framed, to hasten up the inquiry, as the delay was pointed out by the charged officers.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and accordingly hereby change the Inquiry Authority and appoint Sri V.Veerraju, Chief Engineer(Projects) I/C, Ongole as Inquiring Authority in place of the Engineer-In-Chief, the then ISPP, Dowlaiswaram, to continue the inquiry proceedings along with the additional articles of charges issued to the said charged officers and submit his report within two months in the prescribed proforma, as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.679, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, dated 01.11.2008 and Circular Memo No.56183/Ser.C/99, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, dated 15.10.1999 and avoid delay in the matter duly keeping in view that the inquiry has already been delayed.

10. Consequently the Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is hereby directed to handover the entire records pertaining to the inquiry to Sri V.Veerraju Chief Engineer (Project) Ongole and the I.A. so as to enable to continue the inquiry and submit the inquiry report.

11. The Presenting Officer is hereby directed to produce the other original records relating to the entire case along with the additional articles of charges issued to the said four charged officers and shall present the entire case along with the additional articles of charges on behalf of the disciplinary authority before the Inquiring Authority.

12. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW) is requested to take necessary action accordingly immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V.Veerraju, Chief Engineer(Projects) I/C, Ongole and Inquiring Authority.(w.e.) **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

The individuals **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Vijayawada and Presenting Officer(w.e.) **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project,

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Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department is requested to submit the dated acknowledgements of the Charged Officers to Government without any delay.

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SECTION OFFICER